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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 9/30/2004.
2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1- 10 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6) ☒ Claim(s) 1- 4, 7, and 10 is/are rejected.
7) ☒ Claim(s) 5, 6, 8 and 9 is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 22 September 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 7/28/2004.
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Information Disclosure Statement

1. The prior art documents submitted by applicant in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on 7/28/2004 have all been considered and made of record (note the attached copy of form PTO – 1449).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

Claims 1- 4, 7, and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 (b) as being anticipated by Morris et al (6,075,650).

Regarding claim 1, Morris et al discloses (refer to figure 3) a method of adjusting the optical thickness of lens (14) made from a material transparent to light to be used comprising: etching a surface (20) of the lens (14) to reduce the optical thickness (column 6, lines 40 – 47, column 9, lines 17 – 22, i.e., reduce the optical thickness as shown in figure 5).

Regarding claim 2, Morris et al discloses, a method of adjusting the position of an optical component (as shown in figure 3).

Regarding claim 3, Morris et al discloses (refer to figure 3) a lens (14) whose optical thickness has been adjusted (column 6, lines 40 – 47).

Regarding claim 4, Morris et al discloses (refer to figure 3) an optical component (14) whose mounting surface has been adjusted (column 6, lines 40 – 47).

Regarding claim 7, Morris et al discloses, a method of adjusting the optical thickness of a lens (14), where the lens comprises a convex surface (20) and a planar surface (21) is etched to reduce the optical thickness (column 6, lines 40 – 47, column 9, lines 17 – 22).

Regarding claim 10, Morris et al discloses (refer to figure 3) a lens (14) whose optical thick ness has been adjusted (column 6, lines 40 – 47).

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 5, 6, 8, 9 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

4. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: The prior art fails to show manufacturing the lens before etching the surface of the lens to reduce the optical thickness.

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The closest prior art

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McDonald et al (6,091,549) discloses a method and apparatus for adjustable spherical aberration correction and focusing.

Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mohammed Hasan whose telephone number is (571) 272-2331. The examiner can normally be reached on M-TH, 7:00 AM to 5:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Georgia Epps can be reached on (571) 272- 2328. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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